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Japs' All-Out Bid For Imphal Plain

Tokyo Column Driven Off Tiddim-Imphal Road; Shelling Of Tamu-Palel Route

(By D. F. KARAKA, "Chronicle" War Correspondent)

IMPHAL FRONT, April 2.

As I had ventured to predict the Jap column from Ukhrul instead of making straight for Imphal in the south-westerly direction, turned westwards and made directly for the Kohima Imphal Road and succeeded in infiltrating to the Imphal end, some 25 miles from Imphal The Japs blew up a bridge here and when strafed by our "Hurricanes", they dispersed. Then, Allied sappers and miners got to work to rebuild the bridge but were met with mortar fire from the enemy. The whole Jap offensive as seen plotted on a map appears a most daring offensive drive, specially when it is borne in mind that behind him are a whole series of hills over which he will have to maintain his supply line and his line of communication. The offensive is so daring that it verges on idiocy.

JAPS' SPECTACULAR MOVES

The Imphal situation is what you might call a waiting situation. So far, it is the Jap who has made the spectacular moves. He has crossed the Chindwin at a number of places. He has maintained offensives on the Tiddim and Tamdum roads pushing on towards Imphal. And yet they are only on the eve of the real battle—the Battle for Imphal.

One recalls the old adage—a miss is as good as a mile. For the Imphal front is a concentrated defence—a concentrated active defence capable of striking the enemy when he comes within striking range which he has hitherto evaded.

The tactics of the Jap may be described as that of an octopus movement on Imphal. Writing as I do from the centre of these happenings, all I can say is that it makes exciting living.

'HIDE-AND-SEEK' IN HILLS

IMPHAL FRONT (April 1).—On the Kohima-Imphal Road, the enemy has infiltrated to two places—one about 25 miles from Imphal, the other at Mao which is closer to the Kohima end of the road. This Jap move is an all-out bid for one of the most strategic points on the Indo-Burma border.

It appears that the Jap has been deflected from his plan and his "Der Tags" have gone completely wrong. He has not yet shown himself in the Imphal plain and is playing hide and seek in the Hills. The "Hurricanes" of an Indian squadron gave him a hell of a plastering which is the only way I can explain what happened. Likewise, here and there where he has shown his face, he has taken it right under the chin. But he still stands and it may be sometime before he can be given a real knock out blow.

The Japs' present policy seems to be to cut the line of communication to Imphal. My own feeling is that he will first do his stuff northwards of the road aiming eventually at getting all his forces round the Imphal plain. Only then will he make his bid for the plain. The rail head at Dimapur also appears to be included in this present scheme of his.

So important is this whole plan and its execution to him and so much value has he attached to this offensive that he is abandoning parts of northern Burma to Gen. Stilwell's forces. This attitude of the Jap in north eastern Burma and his apparent callousness to defend it, is only because he hopes to offset this loss by his moves on the Imphal front.

What the Jap has not understood nor even the average reading public, is that the complete air superiority which the Allies have in this theatre of war gives the Allies a complete line of communication by air. Such a line of communication may not suffice for a major offensive, but it enables the Allies to carry out a 'box' operation in almost any part of Burma, no matter what roads and lines of communication are cut.

This is the element which is going to turn the tide in the battle of Imphal, if and when it is fought.

Jap Column Driven Off

NEW DELHI, April 3.

In the Arakan there is no change, says an Allied War Communique from Headquarters, South-East Asia Command, to-day. In the vicinity of Buthidaung there have been patrol clashes in which casualties were inflicted on the enemy. In the Kaladan, West African patrol activity continues

During the night of April 1/2 a Japanese column which attempted to reach the road between Tiddim and Imphal was driven off. There has been further enemy shelling of the Tamu-Palel Road.

East of Imphal, our patrols inflicted casualties on the enemy in the foothills. Fighting continues in the hill country east of Imphal.

AKYAB BOMBED

In a strike against airfields in Central Burma on April 2, U. S. fighters shot down four enemy aircraft in air combat and on the ground destroyed another eight enemy aircraft, and probably destroyed two. Medium-bombers of the Strategic Air Force on the night of April 2/3 attacked Ywataung railway station and Akyab.

Dive-bombers and fighters of the Tactical Air Force on April 1/2 were active over the Arakan, Kaladan and Mayu areas, attacking enemy positions and communications. In sweeps extending down the coasts, altogether more than 70 rivercraft were destroyed or sunk and a considerable number damaged.

Long-range fighters on April 1, damaged seven locomotives in a sweep over South Burma.

The Air Command Force, attacking an ammunition dump near Indaw, report fires and numerous explosions all over the target area.

From all these operations two Allied aircraft are missing.

AIR COMMANDOS CLEAR CASUALTIES

American pilots of the Air Commando Force have been carrying out a daring evacuation of wounded Allied troops under covering fire from ground forces defending one of our landing strips 200 miles behind enemy lines in Burma, writes an R. A. F. Public Relations Officer.

LATEST R. A. F. FREIGHT CARRIER

A latest-type freight carrying aircraft of R. A. F. Transport Command has recently landed in Delhi from Britain after only just over 30 hours in the air. It carried about 7,000 lbs. of war material.

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RUSSIANS CROSS PRUTH AND ENTER RUMANIA

Molotov Says It Is First Step In Restoration Of 1940 Treaty Frontier

MOSCOW, April 3.

Russian troops have stormed across the Pruth River and are now inside Rumanian territory. This news was given last night by the Soviet Foreign Commissar M. Molotov in a statement on Russian policy towards Rumania.

He declared that Russia had no designs on the integrity of Rumanian territory nor any intention of changing the existing social order.

The Moscow radio broadcast today a statement by the Foreign Commissar M. Molotov, in which he said that Red Army formations pursuing German and Rumanian troops have crossed the river Pruth at a number of places and entered Rumanian territory.

"The supreme command of the Red Army has issued an order to the advancing Soviet formations to pursue the enemy until his rout and capitulation. At the same time the Soviet Government declares that the entry into Rumania is dictated solely by military necessity and is in no way aimed at the integrity of Rumanian territory or the existing social order."

M. Molotov also said that the Red Army's advance to the State frontier between the U.S.S.R. and Rumania was the first step in the restoration of the frontier established by the treaty of 1940 "which Rumania broke by her treacherous attack in 1941 in the wake of Hitlerite Germany".

IN AGREEMENT WITH ALLIES

The Soviet Foreign Minister M. Molotov, who had called in the Foreign Press, for the first time since the war began to make a statement on Rumania, told a questioner: "I must make it clear that so far as contact between our American and British Allies is concerned this has been maintained and this present statement is made with the acknowledgement and agreement of both our Allies".

M. Molotov made it clear that there had been no contact between the Soviet and Rumanian Governments. Asked whether the Rumanian Government was still in Bucharest, he said: "I can assume no guarantee for the Rumanian Government. Of course surrender of the Rumanian Government is a military matter."

Asked whether a Free Rumanian Committee would be set up, M. Molotov replied: "I have not studied the question". Pressed again, he replied; "I have not heard of the existence of any such committee".

When replying to questions about possible contact between the Soviet and Rumanian Governments on to-day's announcements, He said that there was a difference between Finland and Rumania but failed to define the difference. M. Molotov was in excellent humour and answered crossfire questions from British and American correspondents.

M. Molotov intimated that he would hold periodical Press Conference.

LONDON WELCOMES IT

Authoritative circles in London very warmly welcome M. Molotov's statement of Soviet Policy towards Rumania, which comes at an important psychological moment. These circles say it is to be hoped that it will have a salutary effect on the Rumanian Government as this will be its last chance to get out of the war before it is too late.

HOW RUSSIANS CROSSED INTO RUMANIA

The Moscow radio to-day broadcast this discription of the crossing of Soviet troops into Rumania by the Pravda war correspondent Poveloy:—"Masses of German troops herded together at the crossing. The German Commander at first attempted to make a stand with several S. S. units rushed from the Balkans and tanks and guns brought up from the other side of the river. The S. S. men were firing from machineguns on masses of their fleeing comrades. When they managed to stop them they hurriedly organised companies and battalions and rushed to the north towards heights surrounding the approaches to the river. Soviet infantry, motorised formations and tanks dealt a formidable combined blow and drove the German and Rumanian troops from their positions. The enemy was overcome by panic and forced to roll back towards the crossing. While Soviet machine-gunners were picking off enemy soldiers and Soviet tanks were crashing against masses of enemy troops herded together in disorder, Soviet sappers were seizing barges and rafts and began a crossing of the river. During the first hours of the fighting on the other side of the River, Soviet troops captured small but gradually growing and extending bridgeheads while more and more ferries kept arriving.

When a sufficient number of Soviet forces had landed and assembled in ravines and among reeds the march into Rumania proper began".

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

Sunday's Soviet communique says:—"During April 2, forces of the first Ukrainian Front continuing their offensive captured two district centres of the Stanislavov region and no district centre of the Czernowitz region.

South of Kamenets Podolski, our troops waged offensive battles and occupied Novo Selitsa, district centre of the Czernowitz region and several other inhabited localities.

In the Kishinev direction, our troops overcoming enemy resistance and counter-attacks continued to wage offensive battles and occupied the district centre of the Moldavian Soviet Republic as well as twenty other inhabited localities.

In the Tiraspol direction, our troops continued their offensive and captured Shiryaev, district centre of the Odessa region and over 30 other inhabited localities.

In the Odessa direction, our troops have fought their way into more than 50 inhabited localities.

On other sectors of the front there was at some points fighting of local importance. During April 1, on all fronts 19 German tanks were destroyed or disabled and forty enemy aircraft shot down in air combat or by anti-aircraft fire.

The capture of the whole of the 44th regiment of the Eighteenth Light Infantry Division complete with its Colonel and staff is reported in a supplement to the Soviet Communique. In the area of the Kishine front Soviet troops smashed the headquarters of the 282nd German Infantry Division, killing about 460 Germans.

Referring to the Odessa sector, the Supplement says: "The enemy is retreating abandoning his arms, equipment and his wounded" Over 500 prisoners were taken in the day's fighting.

Novo Selitsa mentioned in to-night's Soviet communique lies 35 miles south-west of Kamenets-Podolski and 19 miles east of Cernauti on the railway line connecting Cernauti with the Odessa-Lvov route. The full list of place names in the communique mentions the Russian capture of Alexandrovka, 21 miles west of Odessa.

This means that General Malinovsky's troops advancing along the Black sea coast road have crossed the Ghilgul Estuary. Kobrievo, whose capture last night put them 25 miles from Odessa, is on the eastern bank of the Estuary.

RUMANIAN ARMY FIGHTS

The German radio to-day quoted the Bucharest newspaper "Timpul" as saying: "All the Rumanian Army has now joined battle with the Russians on the Rumanian borders."

FINLAND'S DECISION ON RUSSIA'S TERMS

STOCKHOLM, April 3: It is expected here that Finland's decision on the Russian peace terms will be made late to-night when the Finnish Parliamentary Party groups meet to discuss Government's reports on Dr. Paasakivi's mission.—Reuter.

GREEK PREMIER RESIGNS

CAIRO, April 3: The Greek Prime Minister, M. Tsouderos, has resigned, it is announced to-night by the Greek Information Office. M. Tsouderos has asked King George to entrust the Premiership to M. Sophocels Venizelos, at present Navy Minister.—Reuter.

JEWISH MEMORIAL TO WINGATE

JERUSALEM, April 3: The National Council of Palestine Jews to-day decided to establish a physical training institute in memory of Maj.-Gen. Orde Wingate who took deep interest in Zionist development.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT'S HEALTH

WASHINGTON, April 3: The White House Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, said to-day that President Roosevelt seemed to be fine but was still slightly hoarse from the recent bronchial ailment.—Reuter.

BUDAPEST RAILYARD BOMBED

Allied bombers bombed Budapest railyard and aircraft factory to-day.

Sind Official In Car Accident

KARACHI, April 3.

Mr. J. C. Bolton, Finance Secretary to the Government of Sind who had proceeded on leave to Kashmir prior to taking up an appointment with the Government of India has been killed in a car accident near Srinagar along with his three children.

Immediately on receipt of the news in Karachi, the Sind Government issued a press note recording their deep regret at the sad event.

It is officially stated that Mrs. Bolton who was injured in the accident is reported safe and is now in a nursing home in Srinagar.—A. P

Mr. Pashabhai Patel Released

Mr. Pashabhai Patel has been released unconditionally.

NAZI ATTACK ON ALLIED BRIDGEHEAD REPULSED

Fr. Naval Forces Destroy Axis Convoy In Adriatic

LONDON, April 3.

From Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters:

To-day's Allied Communique states: SEA: During recent operations in the Adriatic light forces of the French Navy encountered an enemy convoy. After a sharp encounter the convoy and its escort were entirely destroyed.

The French forces withdrew without damage or casualties.

ARMY: A small enemy attack on the left flank of the Fifth Army Allied bridgehead force was repulsed and casualties were inflicted.

500-BOMBER RAID

AIR: Ballbearing and aircraft component factories at Steyr were attacked yesterday by various large forces of heavy bombers with very good results. Other heavy bombers attacked rail yards at Brod and Bihac and an airfield in Mostar in Yugoslavia.

From Reuter's special correspondent: The Force of Flying Fortresses and Liberators which yesterday attacked important German plant at Steyr, 90 miles west of Vienna, consisted of nearly 500 aircraft.

The results were officially described to-day as "excellent."

Railroad bridges in Central Italy were attacked by medium-bombers, hits being made at Arezzo Magra and Fano. At Marina di Pize a warehouse was destroyed. During the day more than 100 enemy aircraft were reported destroyed. 33 of our are missing. Last night railway yards at Vicenza and the harbours of San Stefano and Leghorn were attacked by medium and heavy night bombers."

SLIGHT ALLIED WITHDRAWAL SOUTH-WEST OF CARROCETO

The Fifth Army's left flank on the beachhead was attacked at 17 hours on Saturday afternoon by a force of between 100 and 150 Germans supported by heavy mortar fire and hand flame-throwers, cables Reuter's special correspondent. The attack petered out by midnight after the Allied troops had held their ground and inflicted casualties on Gen. von Mackensen's men.

The attack was directed one and a half miles south-west of Carroceto where a slight Allied withdrawal had been forced on Friday.

The Germans have intensified their artillery fire on the beachhead.

Down the left flank of the main Fifth Army front there has been increased artillery activity on the Lower Carigliano. Allied gunners have destroyed 13 German bridges on the main front during recent weeks.

YUGOSLAV PARTISANS ADVANCE INTO SERBIA

LONDON, April 3: Yugoslav Partisan units in considerable force are advancing rapidly into the interior of Serbia. Today's Communique from Marshal Tito's Headquarters reports also that "in Montenegro, in the sector between Niksic and Danilovgrad, very fierce fighting is raging. The Germans, attempting to make contact with their garrison cut off in Niksic, are suffering heavy losses.—Reuter.

NAZIS ATTACK MONTE CASTELLONE

From Reuter's Special Correspondent:

The Italians have gained another 4,000-foot height in the mountainous central sector of the main front north-east of Monte Marrone. They now hold three dominating strategic peaks in a rugged sector north of Cassino.

Cassino itself remains quiet but the Germans are attacking the Monte Castellone region with artillery and mortar fire.

The Germans have been shelling Ortona.

BRITISH PLANES BOMB 'TIRPITZ'

Several Hits Made On Nazi Battleship In North Norway

LONDON, April 3.

Naval aircraft have made a successful bombing attack on the German battleship Tirpitz in the Aalton Fjord, says an Admiralty "communique".

The "communique" stated: "Naval aircraft have carried out a successful bombing attack on the German battleship Tirpitz in the Aalten Fjord in North Norway.—Several hits were obtained".—Reuter.

35 Swiss Killed In Bombing

BERNE, April 3: Swiss Government Communique stated yesterday that the number of dead as the result of the Schaffhausen bombing was 35 with about 100 injured.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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New York, April 3.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, April 3.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors $57-3/4.
Anaconda Copper Mining $26.
United States Steel Common $52-1/8.
United States Steel Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, April 3.

Due to selling pressure the market ruled weak after the week-end and only a moderate business was put through. Government Securities also ruled easier.—A. P.

Congress-League Understanding In Legislature

WILL IT LEAD TO ENDING OF POLITICAL DEADLOCK?

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, has thrown a challenge to the Indian political parties inside and outside the Central Legislature After ironically referring to the Congress-League combination, Sir Jeremy expressed the hope that that combination would ripen into a real understanding and lead to assumption of Government by the two major political parties in the country. The Government has been really uncomfortable over the Congress-League collaboration.

On the other hand, the League-Congress understanding in the Legislature has considerably changed the atmosphere in the country. The tone of the newspapers has changed, which in itself is a welcome sign The Congress Party's tea party on Friday afternoon was a "sight for the gods." For the first time in recent years the leaders of the Congress and the League parties sat together and spoke in the same strain, evincing a keen desire to end the political deadlock In this connection, special mention is to be made of Mr. Abdul Qayum who has worked day and night to bring about a working understanding. It was his initiative, I learn, which made it possible for Mrs. Naidu, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan and Sir Mohammed Yamin Khan to sit round a tea table and discuss plans for meeting Sir Jeremy Raisman's challenge, thrown in their face on Monday last. What about the future, is the question. One method of looking at the problem is to sit tight and watch Government's reactions. The other view is that the League and the Congress members, who are outside jails, should reach an agreement and demand transfer of power on the basis of that agreement.

LEAGUE'S CONDITIONS

In this connection I may rerer to two resolutions of the Muslim League, which lay down the conditions for an agreement It is explained that for a settlement under the frame-work of the existing constitution the Muslim demand is for parity of representation with the Congress in the Central Executive. If, on the other hand, a Provisional Government is constituted, the Mussalmans would require a guarantee for self-determination for the Mussalmans by means of a plebiscite in any future settlement.

It is asserted that once the Congress and the League take office, it will be for them to consider the release of the Congress leaders and other allied matters of policy essential for the step.

ALLOW DETAINED CONGRESS LEADERS FACILITIES FOR CONSULTATION

India Conciliation Group's Plea

LONDON, April 3: A statement by the Indian Conciliation Group, of which Mr. Carl Health is the Chairman, pleads for such modification of the conditions of detention of Congress leaders as will permit a real response to the Viceroy's invitation to leading Indians to make a preliminary examination of the constitutional problems.

"To withhold this", adds the statement "and at the same time to contend that Indians themselves have the power to break the present impasse is bound to foster the gravest misgivings and hinder the liberation of that new spirit which is so much needed".

It is suggested that representative bodies and persons should press the British and Indian Governments to grant without further delay facilities to the detailed leaders for mutual consultation and facilities for contact between those in detention and other representative leaders.—Reuter.

Krishna Menon Demands Release Of Politicals

LONDON, April 2.

The India League representative Mr. Krishna Menon addressed nearly 2,000 delegates in London to-day. The audience rose and cheered him for several minutes.

The delegates were from the Communist and the Commonwealth parties. They also claimed to represent several Trade Union executives, local Labour Parties and Co-operative Societies.

Mr. Menon said that Indian problems were urgently connected with the survival of the British people. Disunity was the difficulty of the Indian problem—disunity between Government and the people. They demanded release of the 15,000 men and women who were to-day in British prisons in India and who might be fighting against the common enemy. This policy was impeding the war effort.

The responsibility rested primarily on the Indian people themselves for not achieving freedom, but it also rested with the democratic people of this country. They demanded removal of the Secretary of State Mr. Amery because there would be no peace while he remained. Prisoners should be released and negotiations opened for the establishment of a Government of national unity. Principles of the Atlantic Charter were equally applicable to India.—Reuter.

RAILWAY RATES WILL NOT BE RAISED

Government Of India Drop Proposal

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, April 3.

The Government of India have dropped the proposal to enhance the railway fares by 25 per cent.

The meeting of the sub-committee of the Publicity Advisory Board has recommended to India Government to classify Government advertisements into urgent and non-urgent advertisements and newspapers will be bound to utilise the space of cancelled urgent advertisements by inserting non-urgent ones at the instance of the Government.

The sub-committee held that newspapers will find no difficulty finding space for Government's advertisements from the additional quota of news permitted to them by the Calcutta meeting of the Newsprint Advisory Committee.

The meeting of the Insurance Advisory Committee will be held at Calcutta on April 15.

KARACHI, April 3: Dr. Pillai, Director, Indian Branch of the International Labour Organisation and Mr. D. Mulherker, Secretary, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, are arriving at Karachi on April 5.

They are flying from Karachi to Philadelphia to attend the International Labour Conference.—A. P.

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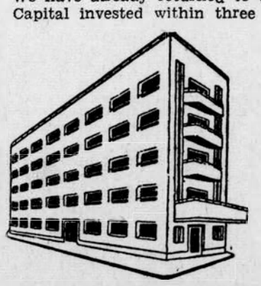

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DISTRIBUTION OF EATABLES AT PARTIES, etc.

The Bombay Government's Order banning parties and entertainments of 50 or more persons in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District as amended on October 28, 1943 has now been in force for more than five months. But the public still seems to be under some misconceptions about the exact meaning of the Order.

In the first place, the Order covers all parties, entertainments or functions, religious, social or otherwise, whether there is one host or a number of hosts, or whether each and every person attending the party pays his or her cost of the meal. In fact, it applies to all distribution of eatables at or in connection with any party, entertainment or function, either in a person's private residence or in a hotel or a club.

SECONDLY, without the necessary permit from the Supply Commissioner no party or entertainment can be held where the total number exceeds 49, including guests and hosts. There is thus NO basis for the misconception that in connection with a function, two sets of hosts can each feed 49 persons.

THIRDLY, the Order prohibits the distribution of eatables not merely *at* but *in connection with* a party, etc. This means that a person cannot send eatables to the residence of individuals whom he wishes to entertain.

FINALLY, eatables include all SOLID FOOD, whether rationed or not, including fruits, nuts, wafers, wedding cakes, etc.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 3.

Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures as recorded at 8 hours on 30th March 1944:—

Allahabad 77 61 0.8, BOMBAY 85 73 0, Calcutta 83 67 T, Cawnpore 82 62 2.4, Cuttack 77 65 0.1, Darjeeling 58 38 2.2, Delhi 78 56 0.1, Dehra Dun 75 53 0, Jacobabad 82 61 0, Karachi 89 70 0, Lahore 77 55 0, Lucknow 79 62 0.1, Madras 87 71 0.1, Nagpur 82 59 0.1, Patna 79 65 0.1, Peshawar 76 52 0, Shillong 67 53 0.1, Simla 52 40 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Wise men learn more from fools than fools learn from wise men.

—Montaigne.

The Bombay Chronicle

DEFENCE SERVICES

The position of the Defence services did not receive adequate attention in the last week's general debate in the Council of State on the Finance Bill. Pandit Kunzru and Mr. Kalikar touched on various grievances of Indians in the services. But the Commander-in-Chief's replies, though marked by sincerity and perfect courtesy, provided no guarantees for the redress of the grievances. Pandit Kunzru pointed out that, in spite of the recent increase the pay of Indian soldiers was only one-third of that of the British. There was no reply to this grievance. And Indians are not prepared to accept the glaring disparity as being self-evidently just. Again, needless distinction is made as regards salary between the ground staff of the Indian Air Force and that of the Royal Air Force serving in India. Mr. Kalikar referred to reports that several young men who had joined the Defence services were being discharged on the score of their political affiliations before joining, though the reasons adduced for their discharge were that they were incapable or inefficient. The Commander-in-Chief admitted that action was taken by the War Department against some persons after they had got commission but stated that that was because the officers "were found to be concerned in subversive or revolutionary activity." Civil Courts have shown how often action taken by Government on such charges was utterly groundless and unjustifiable. The position may be at least as bad in a department whose activities are generally hidden from public view and are defiant of public opinion. Mr. Kalikar, therefore, urged the appointment of a suitable tribunal such as the Federal Public Service Commission to decide whether a man was rightly discharged or asked to resign. It is a pity the Commander-in-Chief did not accept the proposal or suggest an alternative independent tribunal.

Referring to the common question whether the army is representative of the nation as a whole, the Commander-in-Chief said that "the armed forces to-day were more broadly based than ever before and represented all classes and communities." He also expressed the view that "the men in the army were some of the best in the world" yet not very long ago Government clung tenaciously to the theory that only a few communities in India were martial and ignored the others for recruitment. Their old prejudices still remain with regard to the recruiting of officers. For obvious reasons they are loath to Indianise wholly or fast enough the commissioned ranks. The Commander-in-Chief admitted that there were still more British officers than Indian ones, their proportion being 1.3 to 1; but the former did not include British service officers who were attached temporarily to the Indian Army during the war. This insufficient progress of Indianisation is hard enough, but far worse is the C.-in-C.'s explanation. He said "he was not getting the standard of men he wanted, and he was alarmed at the poor quality of men who were coming forward." We shall not say this is adding insult to injury, for we are sure that Sir Claude Auchinleck did not at all mean insult. Nay, he must have been extremely anxious to get better quality. But we must say that there is something rotten in the Department or its system when it cannot attract or select enough suitable men for training as officers. That is itself one good reason why the present Government must at once make room for one enjoying the full confidence of the country and fully representative of its people.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Race For Odessa

For all practical purposes the fate of Odessa, the great Black Sea port, may be taken as sealed. The Russian columns, from the north, north-east and east, are racing towards it, huring back the enemy pell-mell, barring all escape to the latter except through the sea and the narrow coastal strip to the west linking up with Ackerman, the only remaining naval base of any consequence still in his hands. The latest reports indicate that General Malinovsky's troops are now only 25 miles from Odessa and the investment of the port from other directions as well will not take long to materialise. The Russians thrust further north, in the Kishivev and Tirospol regions, are calculated to hasten the encirclement of the port.

The Balkan Cauldron

While such is the desperate position of the German divisions hemmed in in the coastal region, the announcement that the Russians have crossed the Pruth in the neighbourhood of Jassy and made their entry into Rumania is bound to add to the consternation of the German High Command, since other Russian armies still further to the north, are rapidly advancing towards the borders of both Czechoslovakia and Hungary. With the progress of the Russian westward drive, the Balkan Cauldron is bound to reach the boiling point before long.

Political Favouritism

Mr. S. A. Dange, President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, has completely exposed Government's ridiculous plea that in preferring, for India's representation at the forthcoming International Labour Conference, the representatives of the Indian Federation of Labour to those of the Trade Union Congress, "they have no machinery to examine which of the organisations is most representative of the workers of India" Mr. Dange points out that ever since its inception in 1920 the T. U. C. has been the accredited representative of Indian Labour and had been so recognised by Government themselves till the commencement of the war. If Government had no machinery to choose between these two organisations, why did they show favouritism to a new organisation with a smaller membership and did not maintain *status quo*? Mr. Dange suggests that Government do not relish the political views of the T. U. C. that "to enthuse the people their claims should be satisfied, that to imprison a whole national leadership is wrong, and if the country is to be saved, bureaucratic methods of rule must cease and people's co-operation taken." However, if the T. U. C. is bold and enterprising enough it can take steps to see that its views are respected by the Government themselves. Most men at the International Labour Conference are aware of British ways and will make allowances.

NIZAM'S QUOTA FOR WAR EXPENDITURE

HYDERABAD, April 3.

The various contributions made by the Hyderabad State to the War Efforts were narrated by the Nawab of Chhatari, President of the Nizam's Executive Council, welcoming His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for India at a dinner given in honour of the latter at Shah Manzil last night.

"In addition to the total investment in the Government of India's securities and loans of over thirty-eight and half crores of rupees and donations from the public to the tune of Rs. 52 lakhs", the Nawab said, "the monthly contributions of the State to the expenditure since the commencement of the war amount to three and half crores of rupees while the contribution from H. E. H.'s Privy Purse is over Rs. 14 lakhs."—United Press.

Surat Hotels Close Down

SURAT, April 3.

Hotels in Godhra are reported to have been closed following the enforcement of an order reducing the sugar quota by fifty per cent.

A deputation representing hotel keepers will, it is understood, shortly wait on the District Magistrate, Broach and Panchmahals to represent their case.—A. P.

Thorne In Maxwell's Place

NEW DELHI, April 3.

It is announced that Sir John Thorne has taken over charge this afternoon as a temporary member of the Governor-General's Executive Council, in place of Sir Reginald Maxwell. Home Member, and that he has been nominated as a member of the Legislative Assembly. He is expected to be sworn-in in the Assembly to-morrow.

It is notified that Sir Jeremy Raisman has been appointed Vice-President of the Governor-General's Executive Council in place of Sir Reginald Maxwell.—A. P.

RAJKOT APPOINTMENTS

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, April 3.

The problem of Rajkot administration has been solved by appointment of a Council, comprising of Messrs. Janmashanker Pandya, Ajitsingh and Mahipatsinghji of Virpur. The vacancy of the First Class Magistrate has also been filled.

BROACH, April 3: Mr. Jesongbava Chandrabavan (Congress) has been elected President of the Reconstituted Broach District Local Board.—A. P.

Debate On Extension Of Protective Duties

Assembly Passes Income-Tax Amendment Bill

The Assembly to-day concluded the debate on the Income-Tax Amendment Bill and passed it.

During the final reading, the Finance Member said the House was right in supporting Government in resisting amendments which were calculated to relax the rigour of the provisions necessary to deal with those who did not play the game in the matter of paying taxes.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari thought that it would take a long time for people to be educated in the process of accepting the system of advance payment of tax and suggested that the Finance Member should issue an administrative directive to his officers giving latitude to assessees in paying the first instalment.

Sir Henry Richardson thanked the Finance Member for giving the assurance that administrative instructions would be issued to give due consideration to cases of genuine hardship in the matter of advance payments of income-tax and the other assurance that the pay-as-you-earn-scheme was temporary and would be retained only, so long as the Finance Member considered it necessary in the country's interests.

The Finance Member winding up the debate said that the assurances which he had given would be carried out in accordance with the words which he had used and the spirit underlying those words. What precise form the administration of them would take would require consideration, but he assured the House that, he would take into consideration the apprehensions expressed in the House as far as possible without defeating the object of the measure.

The Bill was passed.

Mr. Akhil Chandra Datta in a personal statement on the Central Excise Rules laid before the House, said that the Finance Member had agreed to hold a small informal conference to hear the grievances of tobacco growers, traders, manufacturers and consumers of tobacco. He did not, therefore move amendments to these rules which he had tabled.

CODIFYING HINDU MARRIAGE LAW

The House passed without a division the Law Member's motion that the Bill to codify the Hindu law relating to marriage be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses. Mr. Bajoria's amendment moved at an earlier sitting that the Bill be circulated for the purpose of eliciting public opinion was lost without a division.

In the course of the debate to-day, Mr. Ananga Mohan Dam supported the motion, but opposed certain provisions of the Bill, particularly those relating to the introduction of monogamy and permitting of "sagotra" marriages

Mrs. Radhabai Subbaroyan emphasised the importance of social reform, but pointed to what she characterised as contradictions in Government's attitude, as evident in the circumstances that while sponsoring this Bill, they had prevented the accredited leader of the Women's Movement in India from giving her views. She remarked that in no country had legislation ensured marital happiness; it would only mitigate hardships. She supported the principles of the Bill and urged Government to make the measure more comprehensive.

Bhai Parmanant opposed the Bill.

Mr. Ghulam Nairang (Muslim League) pointed out that on previous occasions, Muslims had served on Select Committee dealing with matters which affected the Hindu community alone, and said they had taken care to see that in the expression of their opinion, they did not in any way upset the balance of voting on these issue. If the suggestion that the Committee should consist entirely of Hindus was in any way due to the belief that the presence of Muslim members had prejudiced the Hindu cause in any way, he wished to repudiate it.

Further, it was the inherent right of every member of the House to serve on any Committee appointed by the House and he was not prepared to forgo that right.

Mr. Jinaraja Hegde (Congress) thought that the Bill had come not a day too soon and emphasised that the Congress was pledged to social reform. Criticising certain provisions of the Bill, he said that the definition of caste was not quite clear, as it did not include sub-caste; the retention of the clause prohibiting marriages between uncle and niece, aunt and nephew would be objectionable, in view of the prevalence of such marriages among certain sections of the people in South India.

The Law Member, Sir Asoka Roy, replying expressed gratification at the support which speakers generally had given to his motion.

The Law Member considered it hardly necessary to refer to the speeches made in support of the Bill, but he congratulated Mrs. Renuka Ray on her championship and spirited defence of the woman's cause. The House, he said, would be grateful to Mrs. Subbaroyan's strong advocacy of monogamy.

He gave the assurance that Government did not intend to take precipitate action.

Sir M. Azizul Haque, Member, Industries and Civil Supplies, moved for consideration of the Bill to extend the date by two years of certain protective duties like the duties on sugar, wood pulp, paper, cotton and silk manufactures, gold and silver thread and iron and steel manufactures.

The debate had not concluded, when the House adjourned till to-morrow.

Earlier in the sitting, the Labour Member Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, introduced a Bill further to amend the Factories Act. So as to confer on workers in perennial factories the benefit after a year's service of at least seven consecutive days' holidays with pay. The Bill also seeks to provide for the grant of compensatory holidays against the loss by a worker of his weekly holidays, as a result of any order or rule made under the Factories Act.—A. P.

Assembly Questions

PRODUCTION OF PAPER UNDER SUPPLY DEPT.

NEW DELHI, April 3.

Is it a fact that thousands of American girls have arrived in India very recently? Asked Mr. K. S. Gupta in The Assembly this morning.

The External Affairs Secretary, Sir Olaf Caroe, replied in the negative and added that a small number of nurses and American W.A.C.S. had arrived for duties with the American forces.

Mr. Navalrai: What is meant by small number?

Sir Olaf: A number that is not large (laughter).

"The responsibility for the production and purchase of paper has been transferred to the Supply Department from April 1, 1944," stated the Supply Member Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar in reply to Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari. He added: "Prior to this date, purchase was the responsibility of the Labour Department and production that of the industries and Civil Supplies Department."—A.P.

OVERDONE REPORTS OF AIR RAID

Calcutta Correspondent Fined Rs. 50

CALCUTTA, April 3. For "grossly exaggerating" the casualty figures of the enemy air raid on Calcutta on December 5 last in a letter to his brother, one Sachilal Tapader was sentenced to-day by the Chief Presidency Magistrate to pay a fine of Rs. 50, in default to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one month.—A. P.

Bilasia Murder Case Appeal Opens

LUCKNOW, April 3: The appeal preferred on behalf of Mr. B. B. Singh, former Secretary, U. P. Government against his conviction and sentence of six years' R. I. in the Bilasia Murder Case by the Sessions Judge, Lucknow, came up for hearing before a Bench of the Oudh Chief Court, consisting of the Chief Justice, Sir George Thomas and Mr. Justice Ghulamhasan, this morning when Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru opened the case for the defence.

Sir Tej will continue his arguments to-morrow.—A. P.

New Ahmedabad Municipal President

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, April 3.

"We have come to this Board with the mandate from our electorates with a specific purpose and to protest against the country-wide repression and Ordinance rule. No Local Body can keep out of politics, when the beloved leaders of the country are behind bars.

Thus observed Mr. Manilal Shah, president-elect of the Ahmedabad Municipality, this evening while thanking members for his election. The Municipal Board having met after eighteen months of supersession elected the Manilal Shah as President and Dr. Hariprasad Desai as Vice-President for the year 1944.

The Muslim Leaguers opposed the election.

Assam Quota For Kasturba Fund

GAUHATI, April 3.—A minimum of Rs. 50,000 as the provincial contribution to the Kasturba Memorial Fund will be collected in Assam. It is learnt here. The personnel of the Provincial Committee in Assam for the purpose of collection will be shortly announced.—United Press.

NEW AIR BASE IN ULSTER

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 3.

I understand from a most reliable authority that the Northern Ireland Government are prepared to finance a new air base in Ulster replacing Foynes wherefrom the British Overseas Airways Corporation are at present operating. Many Ulsterites were always strongly opposed to Foyne as Ireland's major airbase but the scheme was carried out with the approval of the late Prime Minister, Lord Cragavon who deemed it good policy. Northern Ireland feels that time is opportune for action in view of Eire's uncompromising attitude towards Britain and United States.

LEND-LEASE AID TO RUSSIA

Washington Demands Guarantees

LONDON, April 2.

The *Sunday Observer's* Diplomatic Correspondent understands that Russia has asked the United States to continue the Lend-Lease aid for three years after the close of hostilities in Europe.

"The American Government, in respect to this request, is said to have asked for an undertaking that Russia will co-operate fully with the Western Powers in waging the war against Japan," the correspondent says. On this question of her relations with Japan, Moscow has been reluctant, however, to make any definite commitment.

The result is that Washington has so far deferred giving a definite reply to the Russian Lend-Lease request and is now considering what policy to adopt, should the Russians remain unwilling to pledge their support in the war against Japan."—Reuter.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS: The B.E.S.T. have made the following arrangements to assist guests coming to Government House for the investiture on Wednesday, 5th April. Two single-deck buses will start from the offices of the Industrial and Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd., opposite the Eros Cinema at 8-30 p.m. for Government House. After the investiture approximately at 11-30 p. m. three single-deck buses will leave Government House for Electric House via Marina, Churchgate Street and Hornby Road. Ordinary fares will be charged.

JAILED UNDER WITCHCRAFT ACT

LONDON, April 3: Mrs. Helen Duncan, who claims to be a spiritualist medium, was to-day sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at the Old Bailey Criminal Court after a seven days' trial under the 200-year old Witchcraft Act.

Mrs. Frances Brown, another of the accused, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, while Ernest Edward Homer and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, known as Mrs. Homer, were each bound over for two years.

A notice of appeal was given on behalf of all the four defendants.

The jury had reached a verdict of guilty after 25 minutes' deliberations on Friday. Mrs. Duncan collapsed on hearing the sentence and broke the silence which had lasted throughout the trial. "It is all lies", she cried. The recorder declared that the jury does not decide whether spiritualistic manifestations are possible, but merely that those exhibitions made by the defendants amounted to fraud. It was stated during the proceedings that Mrs. Duncan had made £112 in six days.—Reuter.

How Japs Tried To Ambush Allied Forces

NEW DELHI, April 3.

Stories of remarkable courage and camaraderie among a body of British, Indian and Gurkha troops fighting ferociously against the Japanese, who have penetrated across the Burma border into India, and are now interfering with our communications around the edge of the Manipur plain, are told in recent despatches from Indian Army Observers in the Imphal area, says a press note.

In the battle of the Sangshak plateau, thirty miles east of Imphal, Mahratta infantry drew the enemy fire to within 300 yards of the Punjabi and British gunners' mortars, which inflicted terrible carnage. The plateau itself was swept by enemy fire for a whole week and from the first night, "it was as though everything on earth had been let loose". Attack after attack was beaten off, while our troops relied on airborne supplies.

On one night, two Indian and one British, medical officers oblivious of danger worked among Allied casualties. Some of the Gurkhas refused anaesthetics and watched the doctors removing bullets from their wounds.

"Time and again, the Japs tried to ambush us," declared gunner A. G. Bersey. "They would set fire to the dry jungle in squares to trap us inside and cover possible exits with machine-gun fire. Some of our men were killed by the machine-gunners; others were burned to death."

An Indian Army observer, who moved forward in a tank manned by Indian cavalry to escort back some of the men returning from the battle, writes that some of them had wounds which had not been dressed since they or their comrades had clapped on field pressing more than a week before.

U. S. Official Sees Eden

LONDON, April 3: Mr. Adolf Berle, United States Assistant Secretary of State, accompanied by the American Ambassador, Mr. John Winant, called on the Secretary of State at the Foreign Office this afternoon. Mr. Berle arrived in London during the week-end to discuss civil aviation questions with the British Government.—Reuter.

Plight Of Cottongrowers

On the 19th November 1943, the Government of India announced the flooring and ceiling prices of different varieties of cotton and declared that as soon as the prices reached the ceiling-level, the Government would compel the holders to deliver cotton to the consumers, the mills, at the maximum prices fixed. The Government in the same declaration, stated that when the prices of cotton touched the level of the flooring prices, the Government would immediately start the purchases of cottons at the announced minimum prices. Again on the 11th of the last month the A. P. correspondent reported that the Government of India in order to maintain cotton-prices in relation to the flooring prices would buy basic Jarila at about 5 per cent more than the flooring rates ex-godown Bombay. On the strength of the above-mentioned Government's declaration and the A. P. report, certain holders of cotton applied to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, for the offer of their cottons at the floors fixed by the Government. In reply to that they were officially informed that till then the Government "had not established the department for the purchase of cotton, while the subject was receiving active consideration". Now in the absence of a prompt action in terms of the last November's declaration, the prices of cotton are declining further and further and as the position stands now, the prices of certain cottons are actually being quoted at levels much lower than the minimum ones fixed by the Government. A few examples are given herein:—

Description.	Minimum price per candy fixed by the Govt.	Market rates per candy at present
Sind N. T.	Rs. 575	Rs. 525
Surati	Rs. 600	Rs. 575
Jarila (Berar)	Rs. 400	Rs. 415
Broach	Rs. 420	Rs. 390
Pun. Ame. L.S.S.	Rs. 575	Rs. 530
Punjab 289 F	Rs. 610	Rs. 600

These examples potently speak for the necessity for the Government's purchase at the floors, according to the declaration of the 19th November 1943. The trade and the poor cultivators are not unjustified, if they look at askance at the attitude of the Government, which is rather in contrast with the declaration of the 19th November '43. So far as the cloth is concerned, the Government has protected the mills from any possible decline in prices and the story of the impossibility of getting the mill-cloth at the stamped price in the market is not uncommon these days. Obviously the treatment given to the poor cultivators of cotton is step-motherly and these poverty-stricken people, not being able to feed the Government by means of the income, super and the excess-profit taxes are thrown at the mercy of the millowners. However, it is high time when the Government should justify its announcement of the 19th Nov. '43, by making purchases of cottons which have already touched the floors. Any delay in the matter is sure to deteriorate further the lot of the cotton cultivators and the holders and if the situation is not controlled from now it will possibly tell upon the people's confidence in the declared intentions of the Government.

JUSTICE.

LAHORE, April 3: The District Magistrate has promulgated an order under Section 144 prohibiting holding of the proposed anti-Satyartha Prakash Conference within the limits of Lahore District for a period of one month.—United Press.

IF SIR TEJ BAHADUR WERE MUSLIM—

He Would Never Ask For Such A Thing As Pakistan

LUCKNOW, April 2.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, who has arrived this morning in an interview to the "Orient Press" expressed satisfaction on Congress-League alliance in the Central Assembly on the voting of budget. He wished that this alliance may be followed by other alliances and may serve as the first rung of the ladder of League-Congress union.

Pakistan, he thought, was not the solution of the Indian political deadlock and said 'if I were a Mohamadan I would never ask for such a thing as Pakistan' as with Foreign Relations and defence of the country in the hands of the British India could never be called free country.

Moreover, the said protagonists of the Pakistan scheme never realised what will be the fate of Muslims in provinces where Hindus are in a majority. For example, he said, if Hindus in U. P. started persecution of Muslim who are only 14 p.c. of the population, Muslims in Pakistan provinces will not be able to come to their rescue or retaliate.

He was of opinion that the only way to bringing about communal harmony was through negotiations and mutual discussions.—Orient Press.

Motor-Drivers Need No More Register Themselves

In view of the general improvement in the war situation, the Bombay Government has decided that the registration of motor-drivers under the Motor Vehicles (Drivers) Ordinance of 1942 is to be discontinued.

Drivers who have already registered will no longer be required to obtain the permission of the Regional Transport Officer before they leave the Province or area in which they are registered. They should, however, intimate their departure and the place to which they intend to proceed to this Officer.

Indian Dances At Opera House

The dance-recital organised by Miss Shirin Vajifdar with her pupils at the Royal Opera House on Sunday morning in aid of her Indian Dance Academy proved to be a successful performance. The programme provided a varied fare of interesting dances—classical and folk—and four musical interludes. Miss Vajifdar, who is a talented and versatile dancer, executed with grace and care her first solo dance in the Kathak technique. She scored further success in demonstrating the complex technique of Bharat Natya in her next number "Alarippu" and "Tillana"

The "Harvesters"—a duet by Shirin and Khorshed Vajifdar—was encored. Equally worthy of notice was "Ras"—a folk dance of Gujerat. "Anand Nritya", Paalhar" and "Vasant" were the group dances which were contributed by the pupils. Panna Patil acquitted herself creditably in her solo "Shiva Puja". A short ballet in the traditional Manipuri Technique with Shirin as Radha and Khorshed as Krishna formed a delightful finale.

Mr Ram Gopal—the well-known dancer—who presided over the performance, congratulated Miss Vajifdar on her hard work in conducting her Academy and appreciated the encouragement given to her by the audience. He pointed out that there were, in other countries institutions established by the state for training in dance and music but that there were no such institutions in India. He advised the girls and boys who took to dance to undergo systematic and thorough training in the traditional dance—technique before they aspired to create anything new.

Tribute To Vijay Merchant

Mr. Vijay Merchant, the well-known Indian cricketer, was presented with a silver trophy in commemoration of his magnificent batting performances in the 1943-44 session, at a meeting held under the auspices of the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana on Sunday evening.

The Blavatsky Lodge where the meeting was held under the presidentship of Mr. Gordhandas Morarji, was full to its capacity.

Replying in a brief speech to the several tributes paid to him by the speakers, Mr. Merchant thanked all those who spoke highly of his achievements. He thanked Hindu Gymkhana, in particular, for their unstinted support of him ever since he became the member of that institution in 1928.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

CALCUTTA, March 29: Ceiling prices for both half-pegs and full pegs of imported and countrymade wine have been fixed in Calcutta. Excessive prices are being charged for pegs in different hotels and restaurants in the city, says a notification by the Deputy Controller-General of Civil Supplies, Government of India. Ceiling prices have, therefore, been fixed for different classes of pegs, in the light of the increased duty imposed on wine from April 1.

The ceiling price of a full peg of imported whisky, brandy or gin without soda will be Rs. 3 and with soda, Rs. 3-4. Ceilings have also been fixed for imported ports, sherry and vermouth.

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Sir Reginald Maxwell, retiring Home Member to the Government of India, "was given a warm send-off" at the Delhi Railway Station.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *Terrorism and violence have been suppressed in Palestine—but only in Palestine!*

(2) *The reason why Finland takes so long to study Soviet terms is that they have to be studied in Hitler, too.*

(3) *Miss Vera Lunna, described as "The Forces' Sweetheart," has arrived in Bombay—must be terribly overworked!*

(4) *Conjrere Karaka, operating on the Imphal Front, has not yet bagged a Jap but has at least collared a Jeep!*

(5) *"Dil Pazir" is the title of new film (all-talking, of course) starring the irrepressible Bapsy Sabavalla.*

(6) *Sir Alfred Watson has approved the Birla-Tata plan—so let's try to find what is wrong with it!*

Reception To Kamaladevi And Mrs. Pandit

BOMBAY, Monday.

Shrimati Kamladevi Chatopadhayaya the president-elect of the All-India Women's Conference and Mrs. Vijayluxmi Pandit, its out-going president were the guests of honour at a small but pleasant social function organised by the Bombay Branch of the Central Committee of the A. I. W. Conference at the Bhagini Samaj Hall, Dadar, on Monday evening. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu graced the gathering with her presence. About 200 women attended the function.

Dr. Mrs. Malinibai Sukhthankar who presided introduced the guests to the members.

Mrs. Pandit in a brief talk gave a resume of the work done by her in Calcutta in connection with Bengal relief and "Save The Children Fund".

Lady Ramrao gave a talk about her relief work in Bijapur.

Mrs. Kamladevi thanked all present for the honour done to her. Mrs. Naidu was in all smiles, and talked cheerfully with the members.

Mrs. Pandit was accorded another reception by the Bombay Bengal Mahila Samiti at the Anglo-Bengali High School, Naigam, the same evening.

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WOUNDED SNAKE WREAKS VENGEANCE ON ASSAILANTS

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHOLAPUR, April 2.

A young man by name Ambadas Hari Prab died as a result of a snake bite. The snake had escaped from the deceased's hands in a wounded condition and as a result took revenge with this above fatality.

This incident took place at Parite a place situated in Madhe Taluka. It appears that on the previous day the deceased had tried to kill the snake but it escaped in a wounded condition in the adjoining grass field. Thinking that the snake had gone he started for his work the next day. The snake followed him and bitten to his foot with the result that he died.

It transpires that the snake followed another boy who had taken part in wounding him the previous day, but the villagers succeeded in killing it before any untoward incident took place.

Bengal Cricket Team Enroute To Bombay

CALCUTTA, April 3.

The Bengal cricket team to play in the final of the Ranji Trophy against the Western India Cricket Association left last night for Bombay by the E.I.R. Bombay Mail.

The team was given a send-off at Howrah Station. The following players left with the team

H. H. the Maharaja of Cooch-Behar (Captain) K. Bhattacharjee, N. Chatterjee, A. Jabbar, S. Mustafa, S. Banerjee, P. Sen, B. Mitter, S. Dutta, D. Das, P. Surita and Sunil Bose.—A. P.

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CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Monday.

SHARES: The local market was very quiet today and under increased selling pressure steel shares declined. Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs. 2,090 and after declining to Rs. 2,065 rallied to Rs. 2,075. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 407 and after declining to Rs. 398 recovered to Rs. 402. The drastic decline in raw cotton prices, has again increased Mill profits considerably as cloth prices are well maintained by Government and prices of cotton have declined well below floor level fixed by the Government. This state is mainly responsible for the steadiness of cotton mill shares Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 2,112 and Kohinoors stood at Rs. 673.

Active Shares At A Glance

T S Ord (409/8) 407 6/8 8 7 6 3/8 2 1/8 397/8 400/8 399/8 402 400. T S Dfd (2127/8) 2090 2100 2090 95 80 72 65 77 72/8. Dyeing (2122/8) 2110 13/12 8/12 11/4 3/12 1/4 10 2 10 . Centuyr (2030) 1020 15 10 1000 5. Kohinoor (679) 673 76 74 75 70 71 75 76. Swadesh (596) 595 98 99 97 602 1. Nagpur (433) 431 30 33 31/8 34/8 33. Simplex (259) 258 57. New Great (404) 402 1 3 399 401.

CASH: Central Bank 78, Reserve 134/8, Inst. Trust 72/8, Dena Trust 31, Scindia 34/6, Petrol 3, Tata Oil 81/8, Tata Chemical 3/12.

BULLION: On Saturday London Markets were closed and New York quotations were unchanged. The local market was again firm today. The market expected that the Bank would offer both and Gold and Silver liberally but only one lakh of tolas of gold was sold at Rs. 73/8 to Rs. 74 on tender basis and no sales of Silver were reported. The Government believes that the recent spurt in price was due to speculative outburst, while the Bullion Exchange believes that the rise was mainly due to the increase in sale price of Gold by the Bank. It seems that the Government relies on the powers they possess to take any action while the market depends upon the natural course of supply and demand. In the present abnormal conditions, nobody will like speculative activity but market sentiment plays an important part and the Government will do well not to disturb the general stabilised state. Today the market opened at Rs. 73/8 for Forward Gold and after declining to Rs. 73 advanced to Rs. 74 and steadied at Rs. 73/12. Silver opened at Rs. 131 and advanced to Rs. 133 for Forward delivery. Tone was steady.

In the afternoon there was moderate liquidatoin and final quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver Rs. 134/8; 1st Settlement Rs 131/8; 2nd Settlement Rs. 131/2; Ready Gold Rs. 81/14; 1st Settlement, Rs. 72/12; 2nd Settlement, Rs. 72/14; Sovereigns Rs. 50/8.

Produce quotations: Groundnuts Goa Rs. 16/6; Khandesh quality Rs. 16/3; Bold Rs. 15/4.

COTTON: The local Cotton Market was quietly steady today. The Bombay Government is thinking of increasing area under food crops. Several typers of spot cottons are selling below Government's fixed floor levels and so far no action is taken by the Government to arrest the decline. It is true that this year the crop is larger than expected particularly in Broach area and cotton cultivators are hit hard Mr. Hydari the Secretary to Supply and Industries Department is in Bombay and the Board of the East India Cotton Exchange has taken a timely advantage of inviting him to the association, Mr. Hydari is visiting Cotton Exchange this evening and will discuss with members all urgent problems of the cotton trade.

The Local Market opened today at Rs. 432/8 for May delivery and declined to Rs. 430/8 under moderate selling. Later on there was some covering and prices rallied to Rs. 432/8.

Prices advanced to Rs. 434 on moderate buying but again ruled quiet on renewed selling. The Government has failed to stabilise floor prices and there is utter absence of confidence. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:

I C C May Rs. 432/8; I C C July Rs. 442/4; I C C Sept. Rs. 446/12.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May contract is below New York May 418 cent points at Exchange rate 331.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 228. Central India 509; Berar 98; Central Provinces 361; Dholeras 218; Sindh Punjab 435 Broach 1,336. Total 1336. Since Sept. 1st 11,09,320. Last year 14,51,697. Estimated mill consumption this year 8,20,657. Last year 8,16,946. Local stock 12,06,813. Last year 15,33,273 Bales.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, April 3.

Tata Ordy 401-8; Tata Defd 2,072-8; Indian Iron 35-2; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 26-4 Bombay Dyeing 2110; Central India 430; Century 1025; Gokak 351-4; Kohinoor 672-8; Simplex 257; Andhra Valley 1880; Tata Hydro 204-6; Tata Power 1,877-8; Associated Cement 223; Belapur 242-8; Bombay Burma (old) 405.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY April 3.

Khandesh Jarilla new 280/315; Berar Jarilla new 375/390; 289 F Jarilla new 575/585; N T Jarilla 505/525; 289 F. Saw-ginned new 630/640.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, April 3.

Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 465, Sup 455 Fine 445, F Good 438, Broach Extra Spr-fine 452, Sup 447, Fine 442, F Good 437, L S S Pun-Ame Extra Spr-fine 540, Sup 535, Fine 530, F Good 525, 289 F Pun-Ame Extra Spr-fine 600, Sup 595, Fine 590 F Good 585, S G 289 Extra Spr-fine 640, Sup 635, Fine 630 F Good 625, N T Sind-Ameri Extra Spr-fine 575, Sup 570, Fine 565, F Good 560, Sawgin Sind-Ameri Extra Spr-fine 615, Sup 610, Fine 605, F Good 600.

N. Y. COTTON REVIEW

After touching new seasonal high levels on persistent mill price-fixing for nears and speculative buying of distants, prices slumped on the war situation. The belief that considerable long interest exists in spots particularly among producers and the fact that last year's crop will not be eligible for loan after May 1st led traders to expect larger Southern offerings on further advances. The South reports that mill demand for actuals improved slightly with a fair amount of 1943 equities selling at 5 to 5.50 dollars per bale. According to the New York Cotton Exchange Service spot middling in the South has risen only 17 per cent since the United States entered the war compared with the net advance of 69 per cent shortly before the end of the last war. In cotton goods very little civilian business was done owing to continued heavy pressure for military and lend and lease. The market latterly steadied but traders were cautious pending developments.

CHEQUE CLEARED: Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 31-3-1944 were as under:—

Number of cheques—1,45,651

Amount of cheques—Rs. 55,80,00,366-9-4.

MAXWELL IN BOMBAY

Sir Reginald Maxwell, who left Delhi on Saturday, on relinquishing his office as Home Member arrived in Bombay on Sunday, to visit old friends in the city before his final departure.

Vera Lynn "Forces' Sweetheart" In Bombay

Miss Vera Lynn, well-known to millions as "The Forces' Sweetheart" has arrived in India for E. N. S. A. Miss Lynn appeared as a guest artist with the Ensa show "Happy-Go-Lucky" at Transit Camp last night and hopes to give a few more shows in Bombay before she leaves for the Eastern forward areas.

South Indian Welfare Society's School Day

The S. I. W. Society's High School celebrated the Parents' Day on Sunday at Khalsa College in the presence of a large gathering, Mrs. Hansa Mehta presided. An elaborate programme of variety entertainments consisting of Music, Dances, Dialogues in Tamil, Sanskrit, Hindi and Physical culture demonstrations were staged by the pupils.

CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 11, 2000
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akher 10, 1363
Parsi: Avan 3, 1313
Sunrise: 7-32 a.m. Sunset: 7-51 p.m.
Hightide: 9-36, 22-10. Lowtide: 3-49, 15-20

To-day's Engagements

ISLAMIC RESEARCH ASSN.: Annual Meeting. B. B. R. A. S., 6 p.m.

INCIDENT OFFICERS' ASSN.: Meeting at B. E. S. T. Conference Hall, to-day (Tuesday) at 6-15 p.m. Talk by Mr. P. R. S. Rao, on "Latent Ramifications of an Incident Officer".

GATHA SOCIETY: Public meeting in the Library Hall of the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136, Apollo Street Fort to-day (Tuesday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.) Mr. Behramgore T. Anklesaria, will give discourse on "The Sacred Manthra Ahunavairya in the Gathas, and the later Avesta and Pahlavi Literature."

MUSLIM WOMEN'S CLASSES: The fourth annual distribution of the Muslim Women's Classes of the Bombay Adult Education Committee will be held at the Municipal Marathi School, Dongri (near Noorbaug) to-day (Tuesday) at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) H. H. the Maharani of Gwalior will preside.

Bombay Municipal Congress Party

At the annual meeting of the Party held on Monday, the 3rd April the following Office-bearers were elected:

Leader: Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia. Deputy Leader: Mr. B. N. Maheshwari. Hon. General Secretary: Mr. I. S. Patel. Hon. Deputy Secretary: Mr. N. C. Pupala. Chief Whip: Mrs. Lilavati Munshi. Deputy Whip: Mr. Cooverji J. Shah. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Vasantram Jamietram.

Jaipur Rajya Praja Parishad

(From Our Correspondent.)

JAIPUR, April 1.

Shrimati Janki Devi Bajaj has been declared elected unopposed the President of the Jaipur Rajya Praja Mandal for the coming year.

The two other nomination papers that of Shri Devishanker Tiwari, the out-going President and Shri Laduram Joshi, at present a detenu in Ajmer Central Jail, were withdrawn in her favour. Shrimati Janki Devi is the wife of the late Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, who was the first President of the Jaipur Rajya Praja Mandal.

MADRAS, April 3: With the object of increasing the supply of improved strains of paddy, the Government of Madras have sanctioned a scheme for the extension of the agricultural research station at Pattambi, Malabar District. The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 1,47,000—A. P.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

The progress of

RATIONING

This chart shows the cities, towns and areas that are fully rationed already or in active preparation for rationing:—

BOMBAY
1. Bombay City
2. Ahmedabad
3. Poona
4. Sholapur
5. Surat
6. Dhulia

MADRAS
1. Madras City
2. Coimbatore
3. Calicut
4. Tellicherry
5. Madura
6. Trichinopoly
7. Bangalore C. & M Station
8. Vizagapatam
9. Vizianagarm
10. Tiruppur
11. Erode
12. Cannanore
13. Coonoor
14. Ootacamund
15. Tuticorin
16. Cuddappah
17. Virudhunagar
18. Chingleput
19. Vellore
20. Chicacole
21. Kurnool
22. Anantapur
23. Hindupur
24. Cochin
25. Srirangam
26. Hospet
27. Nandyal
28. Adoni
29. Bellary
30. Chittoor
31. Dindigul
32. Kodaikanal
33. Tinnevelly
34. Palamcottah
35. Mangalore
36. Udipi
37. Dharapuram
38. Palghat

BENGAL
1. Calcutta
2. Howrah
3. Bhatpara
4. Dacca
5. South Suburban Municipality
6. Tollygunge
7. Garden Reach
8. Bally-Belur

UNITED PROVINCES
1. Cawnpore
2. Lucknow
3. Benares
4. Agra
5. Allahabad
6. Bareilly
7. Shahjahanpur
8. Jhansi
9. Moradabad
10. Meerut
11. Ghorakpur
12. Aligarh
13. Dehra Dun
14. Saharanpur
15. Hardwar
16. Muttra
17. Farrukhabad
18. Etawah
19. Mirzapur
20. Jaunpur
21. Fyzabad
22. Roorkee
23. Firozabad
24. Hathras
25. Rae Bareli
26. Unao
27. Sultanpur
28. Partabgarh
29. Ghazipur
30. Balia
31. Deoria
32. Azamgarh
33. Mau
34. Lansdowne
35. Pauri

CENTRAL PROVINCES
1. Nagpur
2. Jubbulpore

SIND
1. Karachi
2. Hyderabad
3. Sukkur

ORISSA
1. Cuttack
2. Puri
3. Berhampur
4. Parlakamedi
5. Sambalpur
6. Bhadrak
7. Balasore

BIHAR
1. Patna
2. Gaya
3. Jamshedpur
4. Dhanbad

ASSAM
1. Shillong

DELHI PROVINCE
New Delhi and Old Delhi

AJMER-MERWARA
Ajmer

BALUCHISTAN
Quetta-Pishin

ADMINISTERED AREA
1. Mhow Cantt.
2. Abu

STATES
1. Mysore
2. Hyderabad (Dn.)
3. Trivandrum
4. Kashmir State
5. Bhawanagar
6. Indore
7. Gwalior
8. Akalkot
9. Jath
10. Miraj
11. Dewas Sr.
12. Sitamu State
13. Bhopal
14. Ratlam
15. Dhar State
16. Dewas Jr.
17. Banganapalle
18. Jafarbad
19. Rajkot
20. Sangli
21. Kurwai State

SUMMARY

Bombay Province	...	6 towns
Madras "	...	38 "
Bengal "	...	8 "
United "	...	35 "
Central "	...	2 "
Sind "	...	3 "
Orissa "	...	7 "
Bihar "	...	4 "
Assam "	...	1 "
Delhi "	...	1 "
Ajmer-Merwara	...	1 "
Baluchistan	...	1 "
Administered Area	...	2 "
States	...	21
Total	...	130

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (PURCHASE BRANCH)

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, New Delhi.

NOTICE

AS CONTRACTORS are aware the Pamphlet entitled "Conditions of Contract governing Department of Supply Contracts—March 1942 Edition" is on sale at 2 annas per copy at the various Book Depots as mentioned in para. 3 below. Corrections to this Pamphlet are at present attached to each Invitation to Tender, but this procedure will be stopped from 1st May, 1944, as it is causing waste of paper. Instead, corrections in the form of lists will be placed on sale at anna one per list at the Book Depots where the Pamphlet is being sold. It is expected that the first list of corrections will be available for sale at the Book Depots from about 1st April, 1944.

2. The Invitations to Tender issued from 1st May, 1944, will refer, as at present, to the form or forms in the Pamphlet which is|are applicable, the correction lists and also the special conditions attached thereto and the resulting contracts will be subject to the conditions contained in the aforesaid documents. Firms are, therefore, advised to procure copies of the first list of corrections as early as possible after 1st April, 1944. The first list to be issued will be styled "List No. 1" and will contain Correction Slips Nos. 1 to 23.

3. The Pamphlet and the Correction Lists thereto can be obtained from the Manager of Publications, Government of India, Central Publication Branch, Civil Lines, Delhi; Manager, Government Printing and Stationery, Peshawar; Superintendent, Government Printing, Lahore; Manager Sind Government Book Depot and Record Office, Karachi; Superintendent, Printing and Stationery, Allahabad; Superintendent, Government Printing, Nagpur; Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay; Superintendent, Government Press, Madras; Government of India Book Depot, 8, Hastings Street, Calcutta and Superintendent Government Printing, Gulzarbagh, Patna. (8345)

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Anglo-Indian and European candidates to fill a post of Preparatory School Mistress, Victoria Boys' School, Kurseong in the Bengal General Service. The appointment will be made on a temporary basis for the duration of the war and twelve months thereafter. Pay 200-320. Age below 35. Qualifications Intermediate Examination or its equivalent and teaching experience. Preference will be given to a graduate. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 15th April, 1944. (8344)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MILITARY ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT
WANTED CLERKS

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Names of Provinces	Officers to whom applications should be addressed.
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(2) Bombay Presidency and the neighbouring States including Hyderabad.	(1) The Fd. Controller of Military Accounts, Sri Shahu Palace, POONA. (2) The Pay Accounts Officer, No. 1 T.T.C., DEOLALI. (3) The Pay Accounts Officer I.G.S.C. (R) AURANGABAD.
(3) C. P. and Berar, Central India and Rajputana.	The Pay Accounts Officer, I.A.O.C. (R) JUBBULPORE.
(4) Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam and U. P. and the neighbouring States.	(1) The Asstt. Fd. Contr. of Mily. Accts. H.Q., E.C., Wellesley Place, CALCUTTA. (2) The Pay Accts. Officer, M.T. C.R. LUCKNOW. (3) The Dy. Fd. Contr. of Mily. Accts., Lucknow area, LUCKNOW.
(5) Delhi Province, Simla, Punjab, N.W.F.P., Kashmir and other States in neighbourhood.	(4) The Pay Accounts Officer, I.A.O.C. (R) JUBBULPORE. (1) The Asstt. Fd. Controller of Military Accounts, Officers (I.A.) Casualty Accounts Sn. SIMLA. (2) The Dy. Fd. Controller of Mily. Accts., Punjab area, JULLUNDUR. (3) The Pay Accounts Officer, No. 2 T.T.C., JULLUNDUR. (4) The Local Field Pay Audit Officer, ABBOTTABAD.

(8332)

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Last date of receiving applications.—30-4-44.

Selected candidates will be required to appear before a selection committee at Delhi at their own expense. Appointments will be on probation and their retention in service or final absorption in permanent cadre will depend on their passing a departmental examination within a prescribed period.

P. D. PANDE,
Director,
Railway Clearing
Accounts Office, DELHI.
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LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated this 3rd day of April, 1944.

HOOSEINI DOCTOR & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(8347)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MOTIBAI NOWROSJI BHATHENA, SORABJI HORMUSJI BATLIVALA and RUSTOMJI NAVROJI BAPASOLA, the present Trustee of the Deed of Trust dated 23rd July, 1914, created by the late Mr. Hormusji Sorabji Batlivala have contracted to sell to our client the property comprised in the said Deed of Trust and described hereunder.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 121, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

ALL that piece or parcel of land of Quit and Ground Rent tenure with the buildings messuages tenements and structures standing thereon, situate at Mint Road and Modi Street, within the Fort, in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring according to the Collector's records 376 Square Yards and according to the Old Deeds 369 3|9 Square Yards and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old Nos. 757 and 758, New No. 5980, Old Survey Nos. 1115 and 1116, New Survey No. 8559 and Cadastral Survey No. 1050 of the Fort Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Taxes Bombay Municipality under Ward 2 (A) No. 1945, Street Nos. 147-149-52 Mint Road and Modi Street and bounded as follows: On the EAST by the Municipal land and beyond it by the Mint Road (in the old deeds described as Rampart Row East), on the WEST by Modikhana Street now known as Modi Street, on the NORTH by the property of Mancherji Jamsetji Wadia and on the SOUTH by the property of Memon Allana Uma.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1944.

CAPTAIN & VAIDYA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(8338)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES AT MAZAGAON 1ST AND 2ND CARPENTER STREET.

Under intsructions from M|s. Vakil Dadabhoy and Bharucha, Solicitors for Mr. James Nathaniel Heredia, Receiver, appointed in Suit No. 614 of 1942 and under the power of sale vested in him under the consent decree dated 16th September, 1943, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on Wednesday the 19th April, 1944 at 4 P.M. (N.S.T.) the undermentioned properties in separate lots on the premises of Lot No. 1.

1. All that piece of Quit and Ground tenure land admeasuring about 87 sq. yds. in 2nd Carpenter Street, bearing Municipal "E" Ward revised St. No. 3, Ward No. 6882, St. No. 9.

2. All that piece of Quit and Ground Tenure land admeasuring about 100 sq. yds. in 2nd Carpenter St. and Nawab Tank Rd., bearing Municipal revised St. No. 3 Ward No. 6885, St. 9.

3. All that piece of Quit and Ground rent tenure redeemed land admeasuring about 119 sq. yds in 1st Carpenter St. bearing Municipal "E" Ward No. 6911, St. No. 25.

4. All that piece of Government redeemed land admeasuring about 162 sq. yds. in 1st Carpenter St. bearing Municipal "E" Ward No. 6910(2), St. No. 1.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the abovementioned Solicitors or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs. MANIJEH ARDESHIR DOCTOR, the Sole Executrix under the last Will and Testament of Dr. ARDESHIR ERUCHSHAW HAKIM, deceased, of Bombay, has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. All persons having any claim against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, situate at Sailor Building, 373, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece of leasehold land, containing an area of 567 Sq. Yds. or thereabouts situate on and being Plot No. 15 of the Nowroji Hill Estate of the Trustees of the Bombay Improvement Trust, in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay bounded, on the East by New Chinch Bunder Road, on the South by a passage, fifteen feet in width, on the West by land of the Trustees of the Bombay Improvement Trust proposed to be laid out as a play ground and on the North by the Plot No. 14 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to Mahomedally Abdulally which piece of land forms portion of lands bearing New Survey No. 3184 and C. S. No. 33|1721 of Mandvi Division together with the buildings and C. S. 33|1721 of Mandvi Division together with the buildings thereon consisting partly of a ground floor and four upper floors which said premises are assessed by the Municipality under B Ward Nos. 3735 to 3737 and New Street No. 110.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1944.

RAMANLAL AND HIMATLAL
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(8341)

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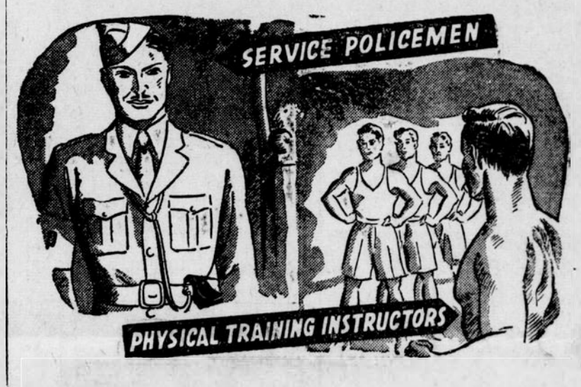

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